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Subject. Visit of Major-General S. Hasebe to Shanghai.

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Information has been received that Major-General S. HASEBE, reported to be employed with the South Manchurian Railway in the capacity of a Liason Officer with Headquarters of the Japanese Army in Kwantung, arrived in Shanghai from Dairen on April 6, 1937. He resided at the Tokiwa Hotel, 430 Chapoo Road until April 19, when he is reported to have left for Tientsin via Nanking. He intended to stay in Nanking for a day or two.

While in Shanghai he is reported to have been interested among other things, in collecting information on the following points:-

1. Signs, if any, indicating preparations for a war on the part of the U.S.S.R.

2. Details of disagreements existing among "White Russians" over the question of the attitude to be adopted by them in the event of war between the U.S.S.R. and Japan.

3. Relations existing between the "White" and "Red" sections of the local Russian community.

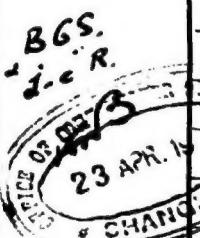
Major-General Hasebe is reported to have been in command of the Japanese troops which occupied Harbin in 1932, and to have served with the XXXI Corps of the Russian Army for a period during the Great War.

He was accompanied by his secretary, a certain M.R. Sobolevsky, 43. The latter individual is reported to be leaving for Dairen to-day.

General Hasebe's visit to Shanghai may account for the report of the "Novosti Dnia", April 19, 1937, stating that agents arrived in Shanghai from Manchuria recently with a view to the recruiting young men among the local Russian community for service with the Japanese auxiliary troops in Manchuria.

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